

HOUSE BILL 3291
By Head

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, relative to personnel of the Tennessee bureau of investigation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The general assembly recognizes that commissioned personnel in the Tennessee bureau of investigation have a difficult, challenging, and sophisticated task in crime enforcement and prevention. In order to provide for an orderly and consistent reimbursement system for such commissioned personnel, compensation shall be the same as that for comparable highway patrol officials.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, is amended by adding Sections 3 through 5 as a new part 3.

SECTION 3.

(a) For implementation purposes in fiscal year 2004-2005, and in all subsequent fiscal years, the following duty classifications in the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall be paid the same as the duty classification in the Tennessee highway patrol deemed its equivalent below, for like years of service:

(1) A drug enforcement investigator, Tennessee bureau of investigation uniformed officer and photographer shall be equivalent to a trooper in the highway patrol;

(2) A special agent criminal investigator 1, special agent forensic scientist 1 and forensic technical supervisor shall be equivalent to a sergeant in the highway patrol;

(3) A special agency criminal investigator 2 and special agent forensic scientist 2, shall be equivalent to a lieutenant in the highway patrol;

(4) An assistant special agent in charge and a forensic scientist supervisor shall be equivalent to a captain in the highway patrol;

(5) A special agent in charge and a crime laboratory regional supervisor shall be equivalent to a major in the highway patrol;

(6) An assistant director shall be equivalent to a lieutenant colonel in the highway patrol; and

(7) A deputy director shall be equivalent to a colonel in the highway patrol.

(b) For implementation purposes in each fiscal year, for fully commissioned personnel of the Tennessee bureau of investigation, any length of service in the highway patrol at a comparable or a higher rank, any length of service in the Jerry F. Agee Tennessee law enforcement training academy at the same or a higher rank and any length of service in the division of motor vehicle enforcement at the same or a higher rank shall be included in computing a member's years of service.

SECTION 4.

(a) No adjustment arising from the salary schedule set out in this act shall take effect until such adjustment is funded in the general appropriations act.

(b) The payment of such adjustment or increase in the salary schedule is conditioned upon such adjustment or increase being funded in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 5. Any promotion to a higher class of position shall result in a minimum increase of compensation of at least five percent (5%).

SECTION 6. For the purposes of determining longevity compensation, commissioned personnel in the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall be subject to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-206(a) – (c).

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it